

Daily Digest

Highlights

House Committees ordered reported eight sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3839–S3933

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2985–2992, S. Res. 554, and S. Con. Res. 80–81. **Page S3891**

Measures Passed:

Use of the Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 308, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. **Page S3930**

Assistance to Burma: Senate agreed to S. Res. 554, expressing the Sense of the Senate on humanitarian assistance to Burma after Cyclone Nargis. **Page S3930**

National Women's Health Week: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 81, supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week. **Pages S3930–31**

International Year of Sanitation: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 72, supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3931**

Measures Considered:

Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act: Senate began consideration of S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, after agreeing to the motion to proceed to its consideration, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3844–84**

Rejected:

By 19 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 117), Wicker Amendment No. 4719, to provide for the optional purchase of insurance against loss resulting from physical damage to or loss of real property of per-

sonal property related thereto located in the United States arising from any flood or windstorm.

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By 27 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 118), Vitter Amendment No. 4722 (to Amendment No. 4707), to increase maximum coverage limits.

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By 23 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 119), Vitter Amendment No. 4723 (to Amendment No. 4707), to allow for a reasonable 5-year phase-in period for adjusted premiums.

Pages S3855–56, S3879

By 30 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 120), Landrieu Further Modified Amendment No. 4705 (to Amendment No. 4707), to require the Comptroller General to conduct a study regarding mandatory purchasing requirements.

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Pending:

Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4707, in the nature of a substitute.

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McConnell Amendment No. 4720 (to the text of the bill proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4707), of a perfecting nature.

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Allard Amendment No. 4721 (to Amendment No. 4720), of a perfecting nature.

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Landrieu/Nelson (FL) Modified Amendment No. 4706 (to Amendment No. 4707), to improve the Office of the Flood Insurance Advocate.

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Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 4709 (to Amendment No. 4707), to establish a National Catastrophe Risks Consortium and a National Homeowners' Insurance Stabilization Program.

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DeMint Amendment No. 4711 (to Amendment No. 4707), to require the Director to conduct a study on the impact, effectiveness, and feasibility of amending section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to include widely used and nationally recognized building codes as part of the floodplain management criteria developed under such section.

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DeMint Modified Amendment No. 4710 (to Amendment No. 4707), to end the premium subsidy for any property purchased after the date of enactment of this Act. **Pages S3882–83**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 4720 (to the text of the bill proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 4707) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, May 9, 2008. **Pages S3851, S3884**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 8, 2008, and that all amendments to the bill must be offered during Thursday's session, May 8; that the only amendments in order on Monday, May 12, 2008, be the following: Dodd/Shelby Amendment No. 4707 (listed above); a managers' amendment if cleared by the managers and Leaders, McConnell Amendment No. 4720 (listed above), with Allard Amendment No. 4721 (listed above) to be withdrawn prior to a vote on or in relation to McConnell Amendment No. 4720, an amendment offered by Senator Reid and others relating to the subject of energy; provided further, that the McConnell and Reid amendments be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold, that if either amendment achieves that threshold, the amendment be agreed to, and that if neither achieves the 60 affirmative vote threshold, it be withdrawn; provided further, that the vote with respect to McConnell Amendment No. 4720 occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 12, 2008, to be followed by a vote on or in relation to the Reid amendment; and that upon disposition of all amendments, the substitute amendment, as amended, if amended, be agreed to; provided further, that Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended. **Page S3884**

Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions. **Page S3883**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 980, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, May 7, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, May 12, 2008 upon disposition of S. 2284 or H.R. 3121, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act; and that on Monday, May 12, 2008, all time after the Senate convenes until 5:30 p.m., be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S3883**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S3833**

House Messages:

Higher Education Act Programs Extension: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2929, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. **Pages S3929–30**

Appointments:

Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 110–53, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism: Robin Cleveland of Virginia, and James Talent of Missouri. **Page S3931**

Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 110–53, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism: Graham Allison of Massachusetts, and Richard Verma of Maryland. **Page S3931**

Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 110–53, appointed the following individual to serve as a member and Chairman of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism: The Honorable Bob Graham of Florida. **Page S3931**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, with respect to the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibition of exportation and re-exportation of certain goods to Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–46) **Page S3889**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the principal agreement and administrative arrangement that has been established between the U.S. and Czech Republic relative to social security; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–47) **Page S3889**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William Walter Wilkins, III, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:	Page S3929
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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—120)	Pages S3878–80
Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3932.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor.

APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the United States intelligence community, after receiving testimony from Mike McConnell, Director, National Intelligence; and James Clapper, Jr., Under Secretary for Intelligence, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION AND THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Walter L. Lukken, Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and former Representative Christopher Cox, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

REGULATION OF INVESTMENT BANKS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine United States credit markets, focusing on the regulation of investment banks by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Erik Sirri, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, and Arthur Levitt, Jr. and David S. Ruder, both former Chairmen, all of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

NASA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine issues relative to the upcoming reauthorization of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), after receiving testimony from Gene Kranz, Coalition for Space Exploration, Seabrook, Texas; Joan Johnson-Freese, Naval War College National Security Decision Making Department, Newport, Rhode Island; Frederick A. Tarantino, Universities Space Research Association, Columbia, Maryland; Major General Robert Dickman, USAF (Ret.), American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), Reston, Virginia; and George T. Whitesides, National Space Society, Washington, D.C.

AIRLINE MERGER

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine the financial state of the airline industry, focusing on the impact of the Delta Airlines, Inc.-Northwest Airlines, Inc., merger, after receiving testimony from Richard H. Anderson, Delta Air Lines, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, on behalf of Consumers Union, Patricia A. Friend, Association of Flight Attendants—CWA, AFL—CIO, and Patrick V. Murphy, Jr., Gerchick-Murphy Associates, LLC, all of Washington, D.C.; Ray Neidl, Caylon Securities, New York, New York; Robert